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Free Mail Delivery.

Free mail delivery for the rural districts is becoming more popular. Almost every one looks upon it with favor, and well may it be favorably considered when we remember the great advantages it will bring to the country districts. The Monroe Journal very well says the following:
 "The government has not in years undertaken so valuable a work for the people of the country districts as that of free mail delivery. Think of a man living ten miles from a railroad being able to get the daily papers, with all their news of the whole world, the same day on which they are published. Free delivery will stimulate reading and writing and bring the people in much closer connection with each other. It will make home life more pleasant and when completed in all sections bestow many advantages not now enjoyed. The postoffice department has been extending the system so far as it was able with the appropriation at hand. The Postmaster General's late report showed that a large number of routes had been established and the results attained most excellent. He asks for a large appropriation with which to further extend the service."
 There is not a single route established in Harnett and we believe our people would find it a great blessing. In order to get it established it is necessary for the people to get up a petition and outline the route. Now if our friends in the country will get the names of those desiring the free delivery we will take great pleasure in assisting them. We will send the petition to our Congressman with a request that he get the route established. Let some one go to work at once, and let's try the free delivery.

Mrs. Nation's Performances.

The Chicago Record is not favorably impressed by the performances of Mrs. Nation, of Kansas, who is destroying saloons and committing acts which lead to mob violence.
 "It is impossible," states the Record, "to have any patience with such a spectacle, and Kansas owes it to itself and the rest of the country to stop the display by orderly and legal process at once. If Mrs. Nation is sane she ought to be arrested and punished under the ample laws which must exist covering her offenses. If she is unbalanced by her emotions she should be cared for by her friends. For the sake of the cause in which she is pretending to work the friends of temperance should interfere with all their own influence.
 "Condemnation of the liquor interests would be prompt and stern if they sought to accomplish their opposition to restrictive legislation by such measures. It should be equally severe against the advocates of closing the saloons who, misguided by their desires, attack the property of those whom they oppose instead of seeking orderly enforcement of whatever laws exist."

NOTICE I.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned and his associates will make application to the next General Assembly of North Carolina for the passage of an Act, incorporating the Bank of Dunn. This Dec. 18, 1900.
 L. J. BEST.

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that application will be made to the next General Assembly for amendments to the charter of Dunn; also for authority to the Town Commissioners to issue bonds for city improvements. Done by order of the Board this 21st day of December 1900.
 J. C. CLIFFORD, Clerk.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

THE SENATE PASSES THE BILL PROVIDING FOR A PUBLIC SCHOOL TEXT BOOK COMMISSION.

BILLS INTRODUCED.

SENATE.

Raleigh, February 2.—The senate met at 11:30 o'clock. Bills were introduced as follows: By Senator McIntyre, regarding the Croatan normal school; amending the charter of Lumberton; to incorporate Parkton; concerning probate of wills; by Senator Foushee, to amend section 768 of the code relative to county treasurer; by Senator Travis, (by request) regarding probate of deeds and other instruments, and to incorporate the town of Chockayotte; by Senator Miller, of Pamlico, to prevent non-residents from dredging and selling clams without license; by Senator Smith, to establish graded schools in Selma; by Senator Leak, to incorporate Yadkin Falls Electric Company. The senate resolution to appoint a committee to inquire into the number of senate employees was adopted. Senators Brown, Alexander and Glenn were appointed to the committee. The house bill to allow Hertford to levy a special tax passed its final reading. The house bill to establish a graded school at Enfield passed its final reading. The house bill to allow Johnston county to levy a special tax passed its final reading. The house bill to amend the charter of Cherryville passed its final reading. The bill to incorporate Rose Hill passed its final reading. The house bill to incorporate Mapleton, Hertford county, passed its final reading. The bill to create a state text book commission to select books for public schools (substitute for education bill) passed its second reading without division. Senator Marshall moved to postpone until Monday—lost. The bill passed its third reading. The bill incorporating the Southern Manufacturers' Mutual Insurance Company passed. The senate bill regulating settlement of partnerships by the surviving partners passed. The senate bill to amend the charter of Lumberton and Lumber River railroad passed. The house bill to incorporate the Robeson Loan and Trust Company passed. The senate resolution authorizing the appointment of a committee to investigate the management and books of the deaf and dumb and blind asylums passed. The senate resolution to investigate the soldier's home passed its third reading. The house bill to place the steamer Lily in the custody of the governor came up. Senator Ward explained that Theo. White now had charge of the steamer. Senator London moved that the steamer be placed in the state museum. The bill passed its final reading. **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.** The house convened at 10 o'clock. Bills were introduced as follows: By Mr. Williams, to provide school books for orphans and indigent children; by Mr. Stewart, to incorporate the Bank of Dunn; by Mr. Mann, to pay W. H. Lucas and others' claims; by Mr. Brittain, to appoint representatives for unknown or absent heirs; by Mr. Hood, to appoint justices of the peace in Wayne county; by Mr. Simms, to allow persons to redeem land sold for taxes; by Mr. Craig, to secure better observance of the Sabbath; to allow commissioners of Scotland to issue bonds to build a court house and jail. The bill came up to place the steamer Lily under control of the governor and authorizing Theophilus White to secure a sail vessel at a cost not exceeding \$100 a month. Mr. Mann said it was notorious that White was not enforcing or attempting to enforce the oyster laws. He has only one month more in office and this bill will save the state nearly \$500. Mr. Blythe, republican, said it was not fair or right to pass such a bill, without giving White a chance to be heard on the accusations of extravagance

and misconduct; that he did not question the truth of the statements made by Mr. Mann that came under his own knowledge, but all other was hearsay and White should be heard. Mr. Thompson said the evidence was such as to satisfy the committee; that White ought to be impeached, but was not worth the cost of such proceedings. He was using the steamer Lily simply as a pleasure boat and ought not to be allowed to use it any longer. The bill then passed. When the normal school bill came up Mr. Jenkins said he hoped not a single vote would be recorded against the bill. Before a dollar was appropriated the property was to be made over to the state. It is very appropriate that the first appropriation made for school buildings will be to educate teachers in the mountains; for people of that section who rallied to help the east so nobly in passing the constitutional amendment.

The bill requiring the execution of criminals at the state prison came back with a favorable report with an amendment providing for unclaimed bodies to be turned over to medical colleges. Mr. Winston said this feature of the bill was wrong. Legislation of this kind had been once strongly condemned by the people of the state. Mr. Baldwin opposed the bill, saying the soul of one criminal was worth too much to send him away from home to the state's prison where he knew no one; that at home some Christian man or minister could gain entrance into his heart and confidence and bring him to penitence. Mr. McCulloch eloquently and strongly opposed the bill. Mr. Spainhour opposed the amendment and it was laid on table. This killed the bill. Bills passed final readings as follows: To protect cutters of mill logs in Hyde; for relief of Miss Mary E. Curran, of Sampson county; to provide for payment of witnesses' and officers' fees before the grand jury; to place the appointment of the keeper of the capital in the hands of the governor.

THE LOCAL PAPER.
 ITS VALUE TO A COMMUNITY—SERVES YOU FROM THE CRADLE TO THE GRAVE.
 Some time ago the editor of the Richmond (Ind) Enterprise published an article in which are catalogued the services of the local paper, coupled with injunctions as to how to help the editor thereof in return for the paper's help. He says: "The paper has done many things for you and is only anxious to do many more. "It told your friends when your parents were married; it announced to the world when you were born. "It recorded the great events of your childhood—when you were lost as a wandering baby, when you had measles and scarlet fever, when you fell into the wash tub and nearly drowned, when you fell from the cherry tree and broke your collar bone, when you first started to school and when you earned your first prize. "Later on it told how you had completed the studies of the district school and how eloquently you recited your graduating oration. "It told of your entering high school or academy. It told of your contests in baseball and tennis. It told of your departure for college or your first venture in business. "It told of your various visits back to the old home neighborhood, and it always wished you well in your greatest undertakings. "It hinted modestly about the first time you went a courting and gave timely warning to 'her folks' that the neighbors knew that matters were growing interesting over their way. "It announced the time of your expected wedding, and it published notice of the marriage license and gave you a nice puff concerning the wedding ceremony. "It told of your extended honeymoon tour and of your settling down to housekeeping. "When you were sick the home paper week by week informed your more distant neighbors of your relapse and improvements. "It told about your lost cow and led to her recovery. It told how your horse had been stolen and led to the arrest of the thief. "When you were getting dull and tired through the monotony of your labor, the paper urged that the people get up a celebration, and you were named as one of a suitable committee on

arrangements. And when it was over it gave you just praise for the success of the undertaking. "In numerous ways the paper has helped to put your name before the people, and you would never have had your lucrative office or your honorable recognition from the community but for the kind aid of the local printer. "If you are a member of a Sunday school or society of any sort, that same paper publishes your announcements and the various proceedings of your meetings. "It tells the people much which you would like to have known, but which modesty or necessity prevents you from telling. "If you and all your folks have been prosperous and fortunate in your affairs, the paper has boasted of you all the way. If you have had misfortune the paper asked for sympathy in your behalf. "Thus the paper has rejoiced when you rejoiced and wept when you wept. If you are a good citizen, the paper will always be your friend and will back you in your enterprise and will help to find your business friends. "It tells you of current prices and prevents you from being cheated and swindled in a hundred ways. "Finally, when you die, the paper will publish your obituary and will recite the story of your good deeds. "All these things the local editor will cause his paper to do but no one else in the world will do them or can do them for you, even for love or money. The city paper will tell you of the world, but it won't tell the world about you or yours. The outside paper is a stranger to your little world and is not at all interested in its improvement. Yet your local paper does all this free of cost to you if you are willing to receive it in that way. However, for your sake, we hope you are too generous to accept so many unrequited favors and that you are willing to reciprocate the same. "Help the editor. Be his friend and he will prove his friendship to you. "Subscribe for his paper and pay for it regularly in advance and get your neighbors to do the same. "If you have anything to buy or sell, let the paper assist you to find customers. Advertising benefits both advertisers and readers. "Send him the news. Give him a pointer occasionally or write him sensible short articles and don't get mad if he fails to see everything your way. When he does say a good thing tell him so. "In short, remember the golden rule, and don't forget the editor of your local paper."

THE DUNN Commercial School.
 First session opens Feb. 1st 1901 in the Academy building. Evening Sessions. Open at 7 p. m., close at 9 p. m. on Monday, Wednesday and Friday evenings. Both sexes admitted. Subjects taught: Spelling, Penmanship, Commercial Law and Book Keeping. Rates Charged. Spelling \$1 per month. Penmanship \$2 per month. Commercial Arith. \$2 per m. Commercial Law \$2 per m. Book Keeping \$2 per month. For further information address, J. D. Ezell, } Principals. G. I. Smith, } Alfred Wells. } DUNN, N. C.
ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE
 Having duly qualified as Administrator of J. E. Underwood, deceased, notice is hereby given to all persons holding claims against said estate to present the same for payment, duly verified, on or before the 12th day of December, 1901, or this notice will be plead in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate are hereby notified to make immediate payment of the same. December 12, 1900.
 B. C. McNEILL, Administrator.

EXECUTOR'S NOTICE.
 Having qualified as Executor of the last will and testament of David Stewart, deceased late of Harnett county, N. C. this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the 20th day of December, 1901, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment. This Dec. 18th, 1900.
 A. J. STEWART, Executor.

CASTORIA.
 The Kid You Want Always Bought
 Beware of cheap imitations
 Castoria
 J. C. CLIFFORD, Clerk.

Q. L. WILSON,
 did not sell out during the holidays, he has a complete LINE OF DRUGS, PATENT MEDICINES, TOILET ARTICLES, CONFECTIONERIES AND STATIONERY. COME TO SEE US.

NOTHING WORKS LIKE Success!

If you would have success in life and gain a reputation of always being at your **POST ON TIME**— You must have your old watch or clock put in working order. The man who has bad time is always out of place when wanted. Bring your watches and clocks to us. If your old **EYE GLASSES** have failed to give you the proper service, just come to our store and we can fit you up. If you want something nice in the **Jewelry Line** you can find it at our place. We always make prices right, and turn our customers away happy. We are prepared to do your engraving. Satisfaction guaranteed. **PICTURE FRAMES** You can get all sizes and colors from us. Anything you want made to order. Give us a call. Yours Truly, **GAINES & JORDAN.**

Goods At Less Than Cost!
 I have bought the TAYLOR & SLOCUMB Stock of goods at Turlington and to get clear of old goods I will for 30 DAYS sell the old stock at **Less than Cost.** Call and get a Bargain at once. I want all the Turpentine you make, will pay you the top of the market for same. **J. D. BARNES,** TURLINGTON, N. C.
Valuable Land Sale.

Pursuant to an order of Cumberland County, ordering a resale of certain of the lands of W. Douglas Smith, deceased, I will, on Friday, the 15th day of February, 1901, expose to public sale at the depot in the town of Godwin, N. C., the following lands belonging to the estate of said deceased, to-wit: 1st. 6 acre tract on Fayetteville and Raleigh road. 2nd. 124 acre tract on same road adjoining the lands of Mrs. Needham Warren and others. 3rd. 202 acre tract lying between Cape Fear River and said road and fronting on said river. 4th. 65 acre tract on said river at Smith's ferry. 5th. 72 acre tract on east side of said road and fronting the same. 6th. Tract of 200 acres more or less cut off from the south side of the old Smith lands, adjoining the lands of John Williams and others; situated in Harnett county. 7th. Tract of 701 acres more or less, situated in Harnett county, known as the Bethea lands and more recently as the Jesse Smith lands. Terms of sale one-half cash; the balance on credit of 12 months with interest. Title to be reserved until deferred payments are made. JOHN WILLIAMS, Commissioner. McLean & Clifford, Attorneys.

T. C. Young & Co.,
 General Merchants,
 Dunn, N. C.

Before you buy your Clothing, Shoes, Hats, etc., Call and get our prices. We have knocked the bottom out. Have you seen our new patent overalls?

They are the Best on Earth.

We also have an up-to-date grocery department. Try **OUR HOME MADE FLOUR.**

"It beats 'em all."

WE ARE SELLING **OUR FALL AND WINTER DRESS GOODS**

AT LESS THAN COST. YOURS TO SERVE,

T. C. YOUNG & CO.
 Salesman C. F. POPE.
 (Old stand M. T. Young.)

BAUCOM & CO.,
 DUNN, N. C.

We desire to inform the public that we have moved our entire stock of Dry Goods, Notions, Clothing, etc from Benson to Dunn, and occupy the old Drug Store formerly occupied by Hood & Grantham. We have a general

LINE OF DRY GOODS,
 Laces, etc, and can please our customers. Trusting we may have a share of your patronage, we beg to remain, Yours truly, **BAUCOM & CO.**

JAS. A TAYLOR & BRO.,

General Life and Fire Insurance

Agents, Representing the following Companies:

- HOME INSURANCE COMPANY, New York.
 - HARTFORD FIRE INSURANCE CO., Hartford, Conn.
 - WESTERN ASSURANCE CO., Toronto, Canada.
 - BRITISH AMERICA ASSURANCE CO., Toronto, Canada.
 - THE AMERICAN FIRE INSURANCE CO., Philadelphia, Pa.
 - NATIONAL FIRE INSURANCE CO., Hartford, Conn.
 - PIEDMONT FIRE INSURANCE CO., Charlotte, N. C.
 - SOUTHERN INSURANCE CO., New Orleans.
 - MANHATTAN FIRE INSURANCE CO., New York.
 - THE VIRGINIA FIRE AND MARINE INSURANCE CO., Richmond, Va.
 - THE PROVIDENT SAVING LIFE ASSURANCE SOCIETY of New York.
- Your patronage solicited. All business entrusted to us will receive prompt attention.

ALLEN & WELLS,
 DUNN, N. C.
CABINET MAKERS, HOUSE
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SIGN PAINTERS.
 PLAIN AND DECORATIVE PAPER HANGERS.

Mr. W. A. Allen will be in charge of the Cabinet Shop and will be pleased to serve his friends and the public generally. WALL PAPER we have a complete line of samples of new spring goods and would respectfully notify the public that we sell it and hang it too, at prices to Beat the Band. Yours truly,

ALLEN & WELLS,
 J. W. Gregory's old shop, next door to his residence.

MORTGAGE SALE.
 By virtue of the power of sale contained in a mortgage deed executed by Ben McNeill and wife to Peter McLean, recorded in book W No. 2, page 65 of the records of Harnett county, and duly assigned to the undersigned. On Tuesday February 19th 1901, at the Court House door in Lillington at 12 o'clock M. I will sell to the highest bidder for cash, the lands conveyed in said mortgage deed, adjoining the lands of Martin Morrison, Daniel McDougald, the Melvin land and others, containing 23 acres. This January 18th 1901.
 D. M. McLean, Assignee.
 L. B. Chapin Att'y.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.
 Having qualified as Administrator of the estate of Mary McArtan, the undersigned hereby notifies all creditors of the estate to present their claims for payment on or before the 12th day of Dec., 1901, or this notice will be plead in bar of recovery. This the 12th day of December, 1900.
 NELL McLEOD, Administrator.
 W. E. Murchison, Attorney.

NOTICE.
 State of North Carolina. Harnett County. I, Lizzie McDonald and H. D. Cameron do hereby notify Thomas Calcutt, a non resident of the County that on or after the first Monday in May 1901 they will apply to the Sheriff of Harnett County for a deed of conveyance for the following described tract of land which was purchased by them for taxes on the first Monday in May 1900 viz., one hundred and thirty one acres of land lying on Day Creek in Barbecue Township entered for taxation to Thomas Calcutt. This January 3rd, 1901.
 Lizzie McDonald, H. D. Cameron, Executors.
EXECUTION NOTICE.
 Having qualified as executor of the last will and testament of the late Daniel C. McLean, dead, the undersigned hereby notifies all creditors of the estate to present their claims on or before the 15th day of January 1902 or this notice will be plead in bar of recovery and all those indebted to said estate to make immediate payment. This Jan. 14th 1901.
 Jno. McArtan, Executor.